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21.02.2012 [Innovative financing needed to fund sustainable urban infrastructures](#)

The world's cities, although among the leading culprits in climate change, also offer some genuine solutions to the problem. While the bulk of greenhouse gases are produced in cities, future investments in urban infrastructures offer enormous potential for combating the global climate crisis. Supported by SECO, the Global Energy Basel Summit 2012 on 21 and 22 February 2012 presents ways of financing such sustainable infrastructures.

21.02.2012 [Statistics on tourist accommodation in December and year 2011 – Decline of 2% in overnight stays for 2011](#)

(FSO) - According to final results from the Federal Statistical Office (FSO), the number of overnight stays registered in the Swiss hotel industry in 2011 was 35.5 million. This represents a fall of 2% (-722,000 overnight stays) compared with 2010. Domestic visitors generated 15.8 million overnight stays, which represents a slight decrease of 0.1% (-13,000 overnight stays). Foreign demand registered 19.7 million overnight stays, i.e. a decline of 3.5% (-709,000 units). However, only the overnight stays by visitors from the European continent (excluding Switzerland) showed a decrease, which amounted to 7.3% (-1.1 million units).

20.02.2012 [Human Rights Commissioner examines Switzerland's policy on discrimination](#)

Council of Europe Human Rights Commissioner Thomas Hammarberg will review Switzerland's policy and practice in the fight against discrimination from 20 to 23 February 2012. The focus will be on the areas of racism and xenophobia. This visit takes place as part of reviews of the human rights situation by the Council of Europe to which all member states are subjected. The last review for Switzerland took place in 2004.

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